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FOLLOWING SENT ACTION BUDAPEST FROM STATE MAY 1, REPEATED
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QUOTE

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SUBJECT: EXCHANGES: US- HUNGARIAN AGREEMENT

1. WE ARE CONSIDERING TWO ALTERNATIVES WITH RESPECT TO
IMPLEMENTING ARRANGEMENTS UNDER THE AGREEMENT. FIRST
ALTERNATIVE IS CONVOCAION OF A JOINT MEETING TO DISCUSS
SPECIFIC PROGRAMS TO BE CONDUCTED UNDER THE BASIC AGREE-
MENT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE V OF US COUNTERDRAFT
(SEPTTEL). AT THIS REVIEW MEETING, A RECORD OF DISCUSSION
COULD BE AGREED UPON, WHICH WOULD SPELL OUT DECISIONS TAKEN
AND COULD SERVE AS THE " WORKING PROGRAM" MENTIONED IN THE
HUNGARIAN DRAFT. IF DESIRED, SUCH A MEETING COULD BE HELD
SHORTLY AFTER INITIALING OR SIGNATURE OF THE BASIC AGREE-
MENT. RE PRECISE TIMING OF THIS MEETING, IT WOULD APPEAR
ADVANTAGEOUS FOR US TO SCHEDULE IT BEFORE MFN FORMALLY
GRANTED TO HUNGARIANS AND, IF POSSIBLE, AFTER ANNUAL BUDGET-
ARY PICTURE CLARIFIED HERE, SO US SIDE WOULD KNOW AMOUNT OF
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RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO SUPPORT THOSE EXCHANGE ACTIVITIES IN WHICH USG WOULD BE DIRECTLY INVOLVED.

2. SECOND ALTERNATIVE IS NEGOTIATION OF LETTERS TO BE EXCHANGED AT THE TIME OF THE SIGNATURE OF THE BASIC AGREEMENT. THESE LETTERS COULD BE CITED IN ARTICLE III OF BASIC AGREEMENT. THEY WOULD PROVIDE FOR A CERTAIN NUMBER OF SPECIFIC EXCHANGES TO BE CARRIED OUT DURING THE FIRST YEAR OR TWO OF THE BASIC AGREEMENT'S VALID AND GROUP IS WILLING TO FOCUS ON DRUG PROBLEM IN CROWN COLONY ITSELF AS WELL AS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA. WE ARE CONCERNED THAT (1) HKG MAY BE INCLINED TO BELIEVE THAT ANSWER TO THEIR DRUG PROBLEM LIES "SIMPLY" IN CUTTING SUPPLY AT ITS SOURCE; (2) UK MAY BE WILLING TO OFFER IDEAS WHILE EXPECTING TO DEPEND ON US FOR RESOURCES; AND (3) AS NOTED BANGKOK 6176 AND VIENTIANE 2191, PROTRACTED US-UK STUDY OF SEA DRUG PROBLEM WOULD DIVERT ALREADY SCARCE RESOURCES AWAY FROM MORE PRODUCTIVE ENDEAVORS IN HONG KONG ITSELF. IN VIEW OF THESE CONCERNS, WE SUGGEST THAT, RATHER THAN US-UK MEETING TO DISCUSS DRUG SITUATION IN SEA, A SMALL UK-HK-US GROUP BE FORMED ON AD HOC BASIS TO FOCUS ON SPECIFIC PROBLEMS SUCH AS ELIMINATION OF HEROIN REFINERIES IN COLONY, IDENTIFICATION AND PENETRATION OF THE CHINESE DRUG SYNDICATES AND RESOLUTION OF THE TRAWLER PROBLEM. ONE SUBJECT WHICH CONFEREES FEEL SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ON PRIORITY BASIS IS MORE ACTIVE PARTICIPATION (INCLUDING UNDERCOVER ACTIVITIES) BY BNDD AGENTS IN COLONY.

4. QUOTE - PRE-EMPTIVE BUYING - TRI-COUNTRY CONFEREES ARE TOTALLY AND UNANIMOUSLY OPPOSED TO ROLPH'S IDEA RE PRE-EMPTIVE PURCHASES IN SEA. OUR EXPERIENCE INDICATES THAT SUCH BUYS, IN AREAS WHERE GOVERNMENTAL CONTROL IS AS TENUOUS AS IT IS IN THE GOLDEN TRIANGLE, ONLY SERVE TO STIMULATE INCREASED ILLICIT PRODUCTION. THEY WOULD ALSO PROVIDE SIGNIFICANT FINANCIAL RESOURCES TO OPIUM TRAFFICKERS WHO ARE SIMULTANEOUSLY ENGAGED IN INSURGENT ACTIVITY IN BURMA. CONFEREES ARE SUBMITTING SPECIFIC PAPER ON PRE-EMPTIVE BUYING VIA SEPTTEL.

5. QUOTE - HKG NARCOTIC OFFICER IN BANGKOK - WE SUPPORT WHOLEHEARTEDLY ROLPH'S RECOMMENDATION THAT HKG NARCOTICS EXPERT BE ASSIGNED TO BRITISH EMBASSY IN BANGKOK. HOPEFULLY, HE WILL HAVE REGIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES, WHICH WOULD INCLUDE THAILAND, LAOS AND BURMA.

6. QUOTE- VISITS TO HK BY SEASIAN NARCOTICS OFFICERS - TRI-COUNTRY REPRESENTATIVES ALSO ENDORSE ROLPH'S RECOMMENDATION TO INVITE NARCOTICS OFFICIALS FROM SOUTHEAST ASIAN GOVERNMENTS TO VISIT HONG KONG. SUCH VISITS SHOULD BE MORE THAN GOODWILL JUNKETS AND SHOULD AIM TO PUT SOUTHEAST ASIANS IN CONTACT WITH THEIR HKG
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COUNTERPARTS AT WORKING LEVELS IN SUCH FIELDS AS CUSTOMS
INSPECTIONS,
NARCOTICS INTELLIGENCE, ETC. END QUOTE. DEAN UNQUOTE ROGERS

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